

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Clark on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Library, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

President Clark announced that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Notice of the time, place and agenda were filed with the city clerk, posted in the lobby of City Hall, and delivered to the Ocean City Sentinel and the Press of Atlantic City.

President Clark led everyone present in a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

On roll call, members present were H. James Bauer, Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, William Holmes (arrived at 6:12 p.m.), Michael James (arrived at 6:09 p.m.), Patrick Kane, Jacqueline McAlister, Suzanne Morgan, Fran Newman, J. Tiffany Prettyman, William Sooy, Gregory Whelan, and Joseph S. Clark, Jr. Also present were Kathleen Taylor, Ed.D., Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Michael Stanton, Esquire. There were no members of the public present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to go into Executive Session.

President Clark stated: WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances,

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private sessions; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ocean City Board of Education, that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving: Matters which, if publicly disclosed, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, and specifically: Student Privacy; Matters concerning negotiations, and specifically: Negotiations; Matters involving the real tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, and specifically: Safety of Students and Staff; Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: Potential Litigation; and Matters involving personnel issues, including but not limited to, the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or discipline of any public officer or employee, and specifically: Terms and Conditions of Employment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education will not return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 6:04 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Morgan, and carried unanimously to reconvene the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Morgan, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

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